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Mr. Lester Snow
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Dear Mr. Snow,

The members of Tulare County Audubon Society are very concerned about the CALFED proposals for the Bay-Delta.

Please be advised that we oppose any alternatives that require construction of new or enlarged dams and canals, including the Peripheral Canal and an enlarged Shasta Dam to name just two. These plans would be exorbitantly expensive to say nothing of causing extensive environmental damage.

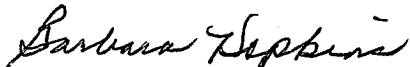
We also oppose CALFED's proposed restoration objectives for upper watershed forest management and delta hydraulics. We can't reduce the wildfire threat in the upper watersheds by increasing logging and we cannot resolve the delta's flow problems by building more dams and diversions.

We urge CALFED to expand water efficiency, conservation, and reclamation programs to stretch our existing water supplies, instead of building new dams and canals.

We support CALFED's proposed restoration objectives for Central Valley stream flows, water temperature, stream meander, flood plain management, and riparian/riverine habitat, as well as all sensitive, threatened and endangered species. These restoration objectives are needed to mitigate the impacts of current water facilities.

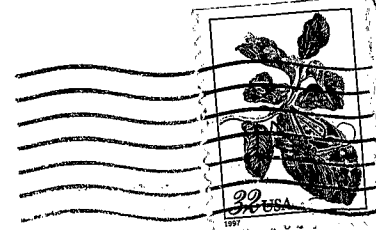
This huge project must continue to be given most serious study with every effort to protect the integrity of California's rivers and streams. We thank you for considering our concerns.

Sincerely,



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